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THEIR SUPPORTERS,

DEMONSTRATED.

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"Whoever is afraid of submitting any question, civil or religious, to the test of free discussion, seems to me to be more in love with his own opinion than with truth."—BISHOP WATSON.

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“In taxation, the privileged classes have evinced great cunning and consummate tact. They have said to ministers, ‘If you look chiefly to us, the wealthy orders, for your revenue, you will take pounds upon pounds from us; and as we are comparatively few in numbers, the result will not meet your wants, to say nothing of our necessities, owing to our splendid style of living, our mortgages, and the marriage portions we have to pay. The humbler classes are millions, and, therefore, tax *them*, through what they must eat and drink; their farthings and pence, and the shillings of the middle classes, will be equal to our pounds, and far more, so that you may have more to spend in patronage. Besides, being mixed up with the good things on which the people at large spend the bulk of their incomes, they will scarcely perceive the taxes at all; they will merely grumble about the dearness of things, and they must work the harder to make up the difference. Therefore, in all your taxings, spare us, we pray, and *lay it on thick below*.’ By such means the poor man has been actually brought to pay, in the shape of taxes, from five to seven shillings out of every pound he has earned; while the great proprietor and capitalist has not paid, I am sure, three shillings in the pound on his more ample income.”—*Speech of Mr John Smith, Financial Reform Tract, No. 16.*

We all need forbearance &c. as private individuals, but when we become public characters, perhaps receiving pecuniary payment from the people, and are a part of, or support in public, a government which dishonestly wastes the revenue, enacts unjust laws, countenances bad institutions, and allows willing hands to lack employment, it becomes the *bounden duty* of others to expose our evil deeds—indeed, it is *criminal* not to do so—the time-server, the self-aggrandizer, and those, deficient in moral courage, alone stand aloof, looking on, either with indifference, or dread that such reforms may take place; but the man whose moral organs have the supremacy, when acquainted with the evils arising from a bad legislature, *must* exert himself, morally, for reform; his sense of justice, from such knowledge, making him miserable, he *must* quiet the promptings of an outraged conscientiousness, by doing his duty, in that way that seemeth best to him.

Men possessed of the feeling of benevolence, and a sense of justice, could not be members of, or have given, or give, their support to the British Government as at present, or heretofore constituted, for this reason, were they, or had they, been conscientious and benevolent men, the deeds of the government being neither just or benevolent, would cause their moral feelings to be cruelly outraged, thus giving them great moral pain; and as no sane man would gain in a situation causing him unhappiness, therefore, the only way we can account for the apathy of the members of the government, in regard to public acts, wanting justice, and benevolence, is, that Nature has not endowed them with such feel-

ings. Thus being naturally MORAL IDIOTS, they are not accountable, for not obeying those great moral laws, *therefore we cannot blame them*; but we should not be governed by moral idiots, therefore, those of the community whose moral feelings have the supremacy, should exert themselves in their moral might, to turn such men out of power, and replace them by men of superior moral endowments.

Men whose deeds are just, care not how severe censurers may be against them. But the members of our government being deficient in that quality, cry out, spare us, *i. e.* spare us the "loaves and fishes." Patronage and wealth is their sole object of getting into power, and the dread alone of losing these, causes them to revenge themselves on those who point out the wrongs they inflict on this country and on its colonies. Provided they can find an excuse for taking the agitators into custody—the excuse lately has been for advocating reform by physical force, only imitating those already in power. Being a man of peace, and knowing the injustice of physical force, which spares neither the innocent or the guilty, and the evanescence, generally, of reforms obtained by brute violence, I think it well for the well-being of society, and for the success of moral reform, that such *lunatics* are locked up, (although it is by the orders of those who act in the same way, under different circumstances, therefore *justly* deserve a like punishment), besides, it is levelling the *just* cause of reform with the unjust deeds and spoliations of our class-legislators, who are kept in power solely by the point of the bayonet, *i. e.* physical force.

Thus I have not the least hesitation in asserting they are MORAL IDIOTS, which position is easily proved, not only by their acts, but by having their *brain-map*, *i. e.* the exterior of the head, examined in an asylum for the insane, and what I assert, nature would invariably point out to be fact.

A government needs not to employ physical force to induce the people to obey *just* laws; but being *unjust*, they know the inutility of employing moral force.

Among the unjust laws may be enumerated, *first*,—AS HUMAN LIFE OUGHT TO BE ESTEEMED SACRED,—Capital Punishment. Many innocent persons have been destroyed, *i. e. murdered, as many as one every three years during the last fifty years*;\* but if only one innocent person had been killed, that would be sufficient to stamp this law as unjust; therefore, any man who is humane and just, could not support so iniquitous a law, or be a member of a government that enacts and supports such laws.

Those who take upon themselves to order executions, may be supposed to say, I take upon myself the power of the Almighty,† and thus, knowing that this man or woman is fit to appear in the presence of his or her Creator, I order him or her to die, *i. e.* to be murdered by my Lord Jack Ketch.

What an absurdity it is, to talk of giving the innocent "a free pardon." I ask, how an innocent individual can be pardoned? an innocent person cannot have any crime to need pardon; and justice points out that liberal compensation, for judicial error, should be awarded the sufferers, or their relatives, where death has taken place.

Ignoble warriors slay men, women, and children indiscriminately.

\* Lord Nugent in Parliament, 1848.

† Vengeance is mine, I will repay, saith the Lord.—Rom. xii. 19.

The soldiers, *i. e. men butchers*, is the most disreputable trade that exists, even inferior to that followed by my Lord Jack Ketch, because wholesale murder and plunder accompanies war, whilst Jack murders retail and without plunder.—“Men who have nice notions about religion, have no business to be Soldiers.”\*

I ask how it can be esteemed an honour to take human life under any circumstance? the most we can allow, is, that, under peculiar circumstances, it may be a *dreadful necessity*, but honourable it can never be.

Is the ambition of a crowned head, or of the minority of the population, called the aristocracy, to be put into competition with the lives, the liberty, and the property of thousands or millions of human beings? undoubtedly not.

Can any man, or body of men, legalise murder and robbery?

As the innocent suffer more or less in all war, therefore is all war essentially unjust. Thus, individuals possessing a *correct* sense of justice, could not encourage or engage in war; neither could a man, possessing *correct* moral feelings, hire himself into a trade, which, scorning all moral rectitude, and despising the Christian, and all other systems of morals and religion, slaughters both the tender infant, the delicate female, and the unoffending male; spares neither youth nor age, violates the virgin, the wife, and the aged woman, and plunders wholesale both rich and poor; it follows, that men who countenance or engage in such an *immoral* trade, cannot possess the *correct* moral feelings pertaining to humanity, therefore, such men *must naturally* be *moral idiots*.

To destroy human life, (which should at all times be esteemed sacred,) *may* be, (under peculiar circumstances,) a *dreadful necessity*, but can never be esteemed honourable. Supposing it honourable to take away human life, Jack Ketch must be a right-honourable, as he exercises the important function of sending souls, found guilty by fallable men, into the presence of their God!—these souls often innocent—but if guilty, pronounced by the executive to be in a fit state to appear in the presence of their Creator; thus, are both innocent and guilty individuals judicially murdered.

Christians, not content with cutting the throats of their neighbours professing a different religion, serve their brother Christians in like manner. It is but a poor system of morals that cannot restrain the hand of man from murdering the unbeliever; but that his brother believer should suffer from his cruelty, is truly horrible. Deposed Christian potentates, and others, who have lost power by the popular voice, if sincere believers in the doctrines of Christ, would, like true Christians, *imitating the example of Jesus*, bend at the dispensations of Providence, however adverse such decrees might be to their worldly pride and vanity, and not like infidels, daringly fly in the face of the decrees of God, and casting aside the laws of Christ, slaughter their fellow-men in the hopes of re-attaining riches and power.

So *low* is the *moral tone*, and so *animal* is the veneration of many Christians, that they actually imagine the Creator assists them to destroy their fellow-men whether Christian or not, and that God is gratified at their prayer of thanks when successful, thus, according to their line of argument, the consequent crime and horrors that follow war, must of course be committed by God's sanction.

\* Duke of Wellington.

Some pious Christians argue that the only way of introducing civilisation into a country,—as India and China, for instance,—is by slaughtering and plundering the inhabitants; an argument at variance to reason and humanity, but quite in accordance with Christianity, as practised in Christendom. Justice and benevolence have never yet been tried. Time enough to employ brute-force when peaceable means have failed, and even then *strict morality* forbids the employment of violence against nations whether or not our property.

Robbing the conquered, and seizing on lands, which being stolen, belong equally to the conquering nation, with a stolen watch, or any other article to the thief who steals it.

A Government selling stolen land needs no comment.

No wonder murders are greatly on the increase in this country, when so little respect is paid to the sacredness of human life by those in power, who countenance *legal murder* often of the innocent; and at their instigation, countries are invaded by *hired land pirates*, who massacre the inhabitants, violate the women, slaughter the children, take all the plunder they can find, and, when afterwards it is called a British Colony, the plunder is still continued, by heavy and unjust taxation.

One instance is the salt-tax in India; a tax most cruel, oppressive, and unjust; although that country produces, by the chemical laws of God, pure salt spontaneously; the natives are actually forbidden to collect it, under severe punishment; and thus are obliged to purchase, at a very high price, enhanced by a heavy duty, (and dirt included,) a most inferior and impure article, exported from Christian (?) England. From the description I have read of it, I believe the salt is sent from this country without being purified, and sold to the natives, mixed with the red earth just as it comes out of the salt-mines in Cheshire. From the nature of the food used by the natives, and perhaps from some peculiarity in their constitution, the use of salt appears to be essential to preserving them in good health, more so than in any other country, thus is the tax the more cruel.

The land-tax, in some parts of British India, is also so oppressive, as to cause large tracts of country to be thrown out of cultivation, and return to a wild state, thus accounting for the frequent famines which have desolated that land, since taken possession of by Christians; at times millions of natives have died from actual starvation. Prior to the British rule, the native governments (like the enlightened and humane Chinese) were always prepared against the effects of a time of scarcity, by having public stores filled with rice, to supply the wants of the people; a forethought not attended to by their cruel and dishonest conquerors, whose conquest is made more secure by the desolating effects of famine, and the desolating use of alcohol sent from Christian England. *Imbibing these poisons, having been taught by Christians in parts of India where they were previously unknown.* With such a horrible example, need any one be surprised at the number of murders, and large amount of other crimes committed in this country?

False excuses may be made, but plunder is the object in ninety-nine cases out of a hundred of all war. Two modern instances out of many that could be named, are sufficient proof, viz. the Chinese, *i.e.* the opium war, a commercial war, waged to force that nation to trade with the English for opium, manufactured fabrics, and other articles

—in which war, a Christian soldiery slaughtered, wholesale, defenceless men, women, and children, to frighten the Oriental Government into the payment of a large sum of money, in default of which, their cities were to be given up to murder, plunder, and ravishings. The second is the tithe massacre of Rathcorinae, in Ireland, to uphold, in worldly wealth, the priests of a false church.

Besides plunder, and to gag the popular voice when crying out for *necessary reform*, another object for war has been to create situations, and make places, for otherwise unprovided aristocrats, to prevent discontent at the laws of primogeniture and entail; and to prevent their being dependent on their richer relative's purse.

In India, the British troops are only conquerors by being armed with superior weapons to those possessed by the natives.

During the expedition of the British into Affghanistan in the hopes of an easy victory, God sent a deep snow storm which effectually stayed their progress, and, providentially for the natives, put the pirates into their power, which they unfortunately exercised, by destroying the lives of those, who, being already conquered both by nature and man, should have been spared, but what could be expected from barbarians? who probably had learnt to distrust those whose faith could not be depended on, in treaties made with native princes; thus they might, by letting them see their country, have given the pirates information, which might enable them at another time to carry a successful expedition into the midst of their land. What now follows, why, the government deficient in that christian virtue, which should always set an example of forgiveness, particularly to those they are so anxious to inculcate in the blessings (?) of the gospel of peace, (?) sent another expedition, better prepared, and in a more favourable season, to revenge their former discomfiture, which they do in a style, creditable to the most savage lunatics, murdering young and old, male and female, without mercy.

Sooner or later, natural retributions will follow injustice, and the British Government, may well tremble at the retribution that is in store for their class, "For all they that take the sword, shall perish with the sword."—Matt. xxvi. 52.

*The only effect persecution has, is to accelerate progress by separating error from truth.\**

What is now the result of the last European war in which England spent millions of lives, and billions of treasure, to stop the progress of democratic opinions. Why, in the course of a few years, the mass of the European population are thoroughly imbued with republican and communist ideas, and are on the eve of establishing republican institutions.

The massacres in China what have they done? why, ruined Britain's export trade to that people, which if justice had been done them, instead of injustice, would now have brought us millions of customers.

A British life is not safe in that country, as revenge for slaughtered relatives, swells the veins of every Chinaman, and a country, too, as superior to England in just laws, wise institutions, and moral worth, as the air on the summit of Ben Nevis is to the air in the unventilated homes of the working classes in all the cities in the United Kingdom. The Chinese understood no modern Christian war tactics, *as their religion forbids revenge*,

\* Spirit of the Age.

therefore, trusted, that they never would be again called to defend themselves from savage foes ; and that those foes should be named Christians, is an astounding fact in the nineteenth century.

The late massacres in Canada have lost that colony to this country, the Canadians are only waiting a convenient opportunity to declare their independence, and join their republican neighbours of the United States ; and the massacres in India will undoubtedly lead to the downfall of the British power in that empire.

Look at the state of Europe, human slaughterings throughout the length and breadth of the land, and look at the slaughterings in India, and in other British colonies, *by land pirates*, paid by a Christian government, and ask what is the cause of these dreadful scenes, *I answer the only cause is a selfish, ignorant, and immoral aristocracy, such unnatural class distinctions, have ever kept the human race in a turmoil. Nature points out no distinctions, but those of talent and virtue.*

Punishing some individuals by flogging with the cat-o'-nine tails, and driving others insane by solitary confinement, are acts worthy alone of moral lunatics. No comment is necessary on such disgraceful, demoralising, and cruel practices.

A Christian government should load their great guns with New Testaments, and thus shower the gospel of peace (?) among their foes.

In this country poverty is esteemed a crime, and laws have been made by our ignoble legislators, to punish the pauper, although willing to work, if he could find employment. But the gentry care more for the welfare of their dogs, deer, and game, than they do for their poor fellow creatures' happiness ; and keep large tracts of land, enclosed for the preservation of vermin, besides 15,000,000 of acres, capable of improvement, in Great Britain and Ireland, which, if given up to the unemployed (*under wise regulations*), would remove pauperism, and the word thus become an historical fact. It is time enough to talk of emigration when all these waste lands are improved.

It is computed that the annual increase of the population of the United Kingdom is 360,000 in number, and to keep the present population below 30,000,000 it would be necessary to send those surpluses annually to a foreign land, say at L.20 sterling, a-head: this tax alone would amount to the sum of L.6,000,000 sterling, annually.

The imbecility of our government is strikingly apparent, when we consider that there is a want of employment, and want, and misery, with a population of only 28,000,000 and the following statisticians say, Great Britain is capable of maintaining with ease, and in comfort :—

Bishop Watson,	.	.	.	30,000,000
Dr Hall,	.	.	.	90,000,000
Macculloch,	.	.	.	100,000,000
Earl of Lauderdale,	.	.	.	180,000,000
Sheriff Alison,				
England,	.	.	60,000,000	} 123,000,000
Ireland,	.	.	48,000,000	
Scotland,	.	.	15,000,000	

Jersey, an island containing only 40,000 acres, including unimproveable land, numbered, in 1830, 46,000 inhabitants, and among so large a population is not to be found one pauper.

The plough is a most inefficient and wasteful method of cultivating



the land, leaving clods through which no plant can pierce. Nature points out from the admirable muscular formation, that man is a digging animal. Only observe the beautiful combination of powerful human levers when brought into action, how well adapted for giving motion to the spade, and by means of it, how well the earth is pulverized; every rational being who examines the subject must agree in my conclusions, particularly when actual experiments have proved the truth of my assertion, by the crops being finer in quality and greater in quantity, even as much as *three to one*, and thus there might be abundance of employment, if justice was done to the land; but the only way of carrying out this *natural fact*, is, by making all those employed in cultivating the land, *shareholders in the profits*; not only *must* this plan of remuneration be adopted in agriculture, but manufactories and trades of every description *must* eventually be carried out on the *associative* principles.

The government, and its selfish supporters, have no inclination to give the people the means of keeping themselves above pauperism; for this reason, were they all constantly employed at remunerating wages, or located on the land, on their own account, few of them would have any inclination to emigrate to aristocratic colonies, where inevitably they will be kept in a state of serfdom, serving the relatives of British aristocrats who have settled on lands, plundered from the natural owners of the soil; (what justice can be expected from individuals holding land obtained by iniquitous means) still fewer would have any inclination to enlist in the man-butcher trades, exposing their carcasses as a target for the shot of adversaries, *not enemies*, who, if they conquer, is of no benefit to themselves, the gentry alone, gaining all the *supposed* good that is to be got by warfare; thus, poverty alone, forces them unwillingly, either to emigrate, or to join the body of hired assassins, and well the government are aware of these unnatural resultants, forced by poverty, and thus gloat over public distress, with joy hidden, but no less real.

From statistical returns it appears that a seventh part of our population, now upwards of 28,000,000 is in a state of destitution and supported by legal relief. It also appears, that while the population from the year 1805 to the year 1842 has increased above 70 per cent, serious crime has increased 700 per cent.

CRIME THEREFORE HAS AUGMENTED TEN TIMES AS FAST AS THE NUMBER OF THE PEOPLE.

*The above facts show, most strikingly the inutility of the Christian religion in moralising the world, 1800 years has been a pretty long trial, I think it is now full time to try some new moral scheme, void of mystery and superstition.*

The game-laws, worthy of moral lunatics, cause the flow of human blood, for an object beneath the notice of the noble-minded. These laws are harsh, cruel, and unjust in the extreme, levelling a human being's life to the value of vermin, called game; indeed, many aristocrats, (Christians, so called), would glory (if not deterred by the consequence) in slaying a man detected poaching; and these men, dead to a sense of justice, expect their tenants to feed the vermin, free of cost to the landlord, who, with murderous propensity, feels so much delight in destroying the lives of the poor animals. In many instances of poaching, the landed proprietor, being a magistrate, is allowed to be the judge in his own

cause, and when we consider the unfitness, both morally and intellectually, of the men who fill that office, little justice can the culprit expect, particularly when a man is judge in his own cause.\* Parson magistrates are invariably found to be the most harsh towards the offender if a dissenter.

Licencing the sale of intoxicating liquors, thus making a maddening poison appear as if a necessary of life; and when a loyal fellow has drunk his full, to the benefit of the revenue, and to the disgrace of Victoria's name, whose health he has been drinking, and thus maddened by this horrid fluid, he kills or wounds any one, he is equally punished with, often more severely than, the sober (but naturally insane) murderer—although none can be more insane than the drunkard—during the time he is under the influence of the alcoholic poison; the use of which ought to be prohibited.

Licencing the sale of that noxious weed, tobacco, is also a crime against the well-being of society. If the use of it, and alcohol were prohibited, the prohibition at any rate would tend to shew that they were not necessities; but when we consider, that for the sake of money, our government encourage every thing that is noxious to human life, even to the forcing opium on the poor Chinese, what hopes can we have of justice to the poor, and to the working classes, from men, dead to all sense of shame, remorse, and the feelings of common humanity and honesty.

The law of primogeniture is another disgrace to the aristocracy, a law worthy of the unjust, who, to aggrandize one child, impoverish all the rest of their children, and, in many instances, saddle the country with their maintenance. The law of entail is also a law to protect swindlers, as, by its means, an heir can defraud his progenitor's debtors to any amount.

The monetary laws, as at present existing, are most unjust and iniquitous;—the *selfish* inventors of which, (previously aware of the result that would follow), and other fund-holders of *that day*, made many thousands of pounds by that alteration in the currency, actually turning their funded fourteen into twenty shillings at the expense of the PEOPLE; whilst a multitude of other individuals have been totally ruined, who, had the money laws been founded on rational and just principles, would in all probability have now been thriving merchants, surrounded by happy families.†

It seems the master of the mint, nor the government of which he is a member, have sufficient power to compel the public servants of that department to render an account of their emoluments, and which accounts they determinately refuse to show. From such conduct there is but one conclusion to be drawn; that is, the amount of *plunder* they seize upon is so enormous, that were it known, such an astounding power of plundering the public would be instantly stopt. Such a precious system of roguery, both on the part of the moneyers, as well as their employers, is nothing surprising, being all of a piece with the whole conduct of the aristocracy in their selfish mismanagement of public affairs, and thoroughly dishonest, in respect to the waste of the public revenue, as seen by parliamentary papers, abstracts from which, are published in the Financial Reform Tracts.

Other disgraceful deeds of that class who pride themselves on family descent—perhaps the top of their genealogical tree having been a Danish

\* Earl Berkeley.

† Sir Robert Peel.

pirate or Norman robber, who attended the bastard William in his British spoliation excursion—a public peculator, a mean courtier or man-butcher—are the shameful taxes on knowledge, and on the necessities of life. Among the latter is the tax on daylight, which includes fresh air, taxes on food and clothing, &c. &c. We may truly call them taxes for the benefit of death; and, as to the former, they are aware of the value of, and power gained by, knowledge; but being selfish, are naturally anxious to keep the oppressed in ignorance,—thus, heavily tax paper, and oppose all other adjuncts to the spread of knowledge, which would unite the people, and when united, (were they wise)—war, death punishment, unjust legislation, and heavy taxation, would cease.

And our very cunning, but thoroughly dishonest aristocracy—saving their own pockets by unequal taxation, lay the burden of the taxes on those that work, and work hard for their daily bread, and on others whose incomes, varying from many untoward circumstances attending commercial transactions, are generally least able to bear the pressure of taxation. The man of labour and others, pay heavy duty for any property (except it is entailed land) that they inherit—whilst the individual inheriting great entailed estates, has *not* one farthing to pay.

State sinecurists and pensioners on the public purse, are only paupers on a large scale, too often paupers of disgrace, whilst the union-house pauper is a pauper of dire necessity—the first are honoured for being idle, the latter punished for not being able to get work, and many state-pensioners, often titled, enjoy large private fortunes, besides that which they dishonestly rob the country of.

Our government rule the people by physical force alone, and with such an example before them, can we be surprised that the ignorant, imagining physical force to be real power, follow the example of their rulers—however, in vain, because they want both discipline and union. Had they these qualities, the gentry would be easily overthrown: but, unfortunately, the people contain among themselves their worst enemies, viz. those men who enlist as soldiers, and thus make the aristocracy powerful. Did none enlist, they would otherwise be powerless, and even now before a moral force agitation for reform, they shrink, trembling for the loaves and fishes.

An honest government has no need for secret-service-money, or to *open letters*, (and have then re-closed with great nicety to avoid detection,) neither has it any occasion to employ *spies*, men who commit such acts are possessed of morals of the *lowest grade*.\*

Not the least crime against the community is the law-made church, established by the aid of fraud—the fire and faggot—the halter—the sword and infernal law, under the auspices of that royal wholesale murderer and plunderer, Henry VIII.—(a divine king, by god,) and now supported by violence. The moral lunatics who adorn that institution, take pounds, shillings, and pence, from the conscientious dissenters by force, physical and legal, although its riches (“filthy lucre”) are of enormous value, amounting to, annually, upwards of seven millions sterling, (L.7,202,660) a sum greater than the revenue, when added together, of all other churches in the world. Revenue of the Irish Church, L.1,500,000; ditto of the Scotch Episcopal, L.500,000; total revenue of the three establishments, NINE MILLIONS, TWO HUNDRED THOUSAND POUNDS

\* Sir James Graham.

STERLING;\*† and the lord bishops of the said church, encourage by their silence, the worship of the idol Juggernath, in pirate-gained India. A Christian government making an annual offering of L.6,000 of the “root of all evil,” to that Indian god, thousands of whose devotees are crushed to death beneath the wheels of the ponderous carriage on which the god rests, thus also is suicide encouraged by the reverend fathers in God—these pious Christian Bishops also encourage the use, and the sale of intoxicating liquors, death punishment, and war, thanking the Great God, (as the ancient Greeks and Romans did,) for assisting their armies, in murdering and plundering thousands of individuals, and injuring, indirectly, millions, and praising warfare as a Christian institution; never lifting up their voices against the desecration of Sunday, by the many bloody battles fought on that day;‡ though they exclaim against bathing, travelling by steam, and innocent pastime, when indulged in by the poor and working classes, on the only day of the week that they could call their own, were they allowed to do so,—the holy prelates, and other “uncu” godly folk, —*deficient in moral courage*—leave the wealthy to enjoy their own pleasures without interfering. And these pious bishops bless colours, and commit many other blasphemies to please the government, for fear that, should they act as humane and honest men, and refuse to commit such demoralising and degraded acts, their pockets would be in danger, which undoubtedly would be the case, should they refuse to countenance their rulers in moral enormities, which for greed and ambition’s sake they choose to commit.

One of the most cruel and false doctrines ever propounded, was that brought to light, by that infernal parson Malthus, namely, that “*human beings increased in a greater ratio than food*,” a doctrine long ago proved at variance with nature’s laws, but greedily believed in by an aristocracy anxious to carry out their own depopulating and ambitious schemes; therefore, glad to get an excuse to hoodwink the ignorant, thus pretend to esteem—desolating war—famine at home, and in India, created by their own wickedness—and deadly alcohol, as “good gifts of God,” and turn a deaf ear to the cries of the famishing; and these evils are caused by a morally insane legislature, who refuse to locate the unemployed on the land; and order the bishops to make prayers, petitioning the Almighty to avert famine, with food abundant in the land,—the truth is, the people were without employment, and thus had no money, with which to purchase the food; but the government would rather blame God for the evil, than let themselves be blamed for bad management.

The cool insolence of our servants in theory, but masters in fact, and only so by aid of the bayonet,—*i. e.* physical force—is strongly shown by their unjust laws, causing a man to commit a crime in marrying his deceased wife’s sister, whilst permitting the *unnatural alliance* of first cousins, the latter generally producing malformed progeny, both physically and mentally; whilst the former, provided the parents are healthy, inva-

\* Some calculations make it L.11,000,000.

† Sir R. H. Inglis.

‡ Battles.	{ Drumellog, 1679. Talavera, 1809.* Waterloo, 1815.	On the lines of Sieges.	{ Torres Vedras. Seirra de Bosaco. Badajoz. Elvas. Almeida. Cuidad Rodrigo.	Several Sundays.‡
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\* And during the retreat, Several Sundays.

These are a few instances among thousands.

riably produces healthy offspring. In fact, the marriage of first cousins, or of brothers and sisters, being prohibited by the laws of nature, (as evinced by the deplorable results to the offspring), *is a criminal act*.

There is not much moral dignity in granting licences for the sale of quack medicines, and thus to the ignorant, making them appear to be good remedies ; and which medicines, being advertised, adorn our aristocratic newspapers with a discourse on their secret virtues, accompanied by a book in a sealed cover (so precious), delectable reading for married and unmarried, titled and untitled ladies ; however, those who read the bible indiscriminately through, thus being prepared for language grossly immoral, will not have their feelings shocked ; but we may be allowed to question the moral feelings of those who can read such moral poison without shuddering—the legislature, advertisers, editors, and readers, have surely not very refined taste.

Many other abuses of class legislation could be pointed out, but enough have been mentioned. *The exposure of those that treat human life as a trifle*, being the most important.

CHRISTIANITY, according to the opinion of the judges appointed by our Legislators, is the “law of the land ;” but the conduct of the men forming the Government of Britain is in direct variance to what we are told are the commands of Christ, therefore they set the lamentable example of being the greatest of law-breakers.

Does Christ command them to risk the chances of murder and suicide by fighting duels ? Some of the members of the government are duelists.

Does Christ command them to take the life they cannot give, for any crime ? And they even allow death laws to exist, when almost annual experience of the execution of the innocent, convicted under circumstantial and false evidence, should cause such laws to be erased from the statute-book.

Does Christ command them to hire men, and after training them as *men-butchers*, send them into foreign lands, or employ them at home to massacre their fellow countrymen, yea, even fellow Christians, and rob the poor Indians, and ravish their females—deeds even perpetrated by Christians on Christians during the late war, headed by those moral lunatics, Napoleon and Wellington ; and now such dark deeds are perpetrated in various places in Christendom ? principally, under the auspices of crowned heads and titled individuals.

And as to any glory in their Indian and Chinese wars our armies, are conquerors only by reason of being better armed than the natives. Place the Indians on an equal footing with the pirate troops in that respect, and the British Christian forces would be easily beaten.

Does Christianity permit them to perpetrate in any way revenge for so-called national insults, often imaginary, (and too often trumped up as an excuse for an opportunity to plunder a nation or city) and making millions of innocent people suffer unheard-of miseries, for the offence of only perhaps a contemptible crowned head or a selfish aristocracy.

Does Christianity allow them to force the Chinese by murder to pay for poison (opium) and rob them in the shape of a ransom, to save their city from Christian brutalities ; what an idea of honesty they must have—define it ? ah ! ah !

Does Christ command them to go to law against their brother, or in any way to revenge themselves for private wrongs, also often imaginary ?

Does Christianity permit them to drive their fellow creatures extra-insane by solitary confinement in Christian jails.

What sort of animals are Christians, who revenge themselves on a brother because he destroyed a hare or partridge, &c., denominated game; or for trespassing across a field; verily I think such revengers make *game* of Christ's precepts and example?

Does Christ command them to take by force money from those individuals who are unwilling to support a blood-stained established religion, falsely called national?

Does Christ command them to countenance gambling, and other vices consequent on the encouragement giving to horse-racing?

Does Christ intend his ministers to be magistrates, and to meddle in politics?

Does Christ permit his followers to take an oath, or to swear in any other way; and what kind of conduct is it in Christians punishing a brother or sister in Christ, who obeying God's command, in preference to man's, refuses to swear. "But I say unto you, swear not at all; neither by heaven, for it is God's throne, nor by the earth, for it is his footstool; neither shalt thou swear by thy head, because thou canst not make one hair white or black. But let all your communications be yea, yea, nay, nay, for whatsoever is more than these cometh of evil."—Matt. v. 34, 37, also, see James v. 12.

Does Christ command them to manufacture drunkards, by using alcoholic liquors and licensing the sale of them, and thus making such poisons appear to be a necessary, and the use of them respectable? Emphatically has it been said that "the moderate drinkers are the drunkard manufacturers." Alcohol, a dreadful poison, which, by its use, leads to such direful consequences! Cruel men! and they put this engine of destruction within reach of the ignorant, miserable, vicious, and insane, and thus cause suicide, murder, vice, and crime. Their brother Christians do what they wish, that is, drink to the prosperity of the revenue, and then they punish them for the results of the *extra insanity* actually caused by their laws: they know, and I state it without fear of contradiction, and the parliamentary returns prove, that all crimes are committed when the individuals committing such crimes, are under the influence of Christian-made intoxicating drink. But by the bye, I nearly forgot, if it was not for the use of this Christian-made drink, there would be little business for the lawyers, and no need for jails or other lunatic asylums, and they would not be able to enlist men for soldiers, (*alias* men-butchers) and the manufacture of prostitutes would cease, and the priests and parsons could not pray and preach for want of *spiritual* influence—the latter would be a lamentable loss, forsooth!

Many Christians affirm that prostitution always will be, and is, necessary—truly the affirmation of moral lunatics, for, if necessary, it must come from the Creator; then why is fornication denounced by the word of God? and reason and morality denounce prostitution as contrary to the plain laws of nature, the horrid results arising from it, both mentally and physically, prove it, an infringement of nature's laws.

Does Christ command them to make dear the necessaries of life, by heavy taxation and high duties;\* even while thousands of their fellow creatures are on the brink of starvation, and numbers actually die from that cause.

Does Christ command them to punish poverty as a crime? "And as

\* Dukes—Buckingham and Richmond.

ye would that men should do to you, do ye also to them likewise."—LUKE vi. 31.

Does Christianity intend them to encourage the worship of the idol Juggernaut by a grant of L.6000 per annum; and then punish individuals for the *imaginary crime of blasphemy*.

*If there is any truth in Christianity (as taught), they and the rest of the men constituting the British Government are unfaithful to the religion they profess to believe in, therefore are infidels.*

It appears that they allow all the above deeds to harmonize with Christianity, for this reason, that a part of the Government are Christ's bishops who are associated with duelists, and other murderers, and who never lift up their voices in heavy denunciations against what are unjust acts and immoral laws. *Then I say it is a worthless religion, unworthy even of savages, a disgrace to humanity, and none but the ignorant, and morally insane, uphold it as truth.*

After the above statements which we know to be facts, can there be a particle of honour in the brain of any one of Her Majesty's ministers? no, impossible; therefore the only conclusion to be drawn, and the only excuse we have for them (and a fact that can be phrenologically proved), is, that they are MORAL IDIOTS, and I really believe that the feelings of conscientiousness and benevolence are unknown to them. *No honest man could be a member of the British Government as at present constituted;*

"For every tree is known by its own fruit."—LUKE vi. 44. The fruit borne by the aristocracy is Anti-Christ. The denunciations against unbelievers in a future state, are so terrific, that did they really believe, they would be afraid not to obey Christ's commands; but they know as well as I do, that Christianity is a fable—calculated under circumstances to keep the *ignorant* in subjection. Thus they employ priests, at a high rate of pay, to propagate its doctrines; and priests, parsons, and ministers, finding it an easy way of gaining a livelihood, oppose education the utmost in their power—(except their own dogmas are alone taught.) Emphatically the Mahometan or Christian religions, would now only have been known as historical facts, had not the sword been wielded in their favour; thus being established by animal man, they will fall before rational and moral man.

It is generally admitted that Queen Victoria is possessed of high moral qualities, and that she is meek, mild, and forgiving, all of which I believe to be correct: but that she is possessed of a very high order of moral dignity, facts prove, cannot be the case, as, were it so, her moral feelings would rebel against the position she is placed in, being merely the tool of a party, who sustain her on the throne by the aid of the bayonet alone, and nickname it, by the grace of God. Take away the bayonet (that instrument emphatically Christian), and the grace of God would not avail in keeping her in her present unnatural position. She wastes money on, and decks her person in, tawdry, disgusting to the rational mind to behold—she allows trash called wine at her table, thus encouraging at one time the unnatural and mischievous use of alcohol, and one of the most vicious and dishonest of trades (not excepting even the soldiers', lawyers', and priests'); and flunkysism is rife in her court, for what are courtiers, but the meanest (in spirit) of flunkies; but, above all things, could a great moral mind be happy, or could the life (of such a mind) exist, surrounded with animals (moral lunatics)

called soldiers (*alias* men-butchers) (her own husband, like a big child who delights in show, playing at that unnatural and disgraceful game), men who, at the beck of an unjust government, are willing, for money and titles, (but not without cash) (vile mercenaries), to assist in the destruction of human life, sparing neither youth nor age, slaughtering men, women, and children indiscriminately (whether Christian or not, all's one), and of course are implicated in all the horrors attending warfare.

*A pity that Prince Albert, whose duty it is to set a better example, wastes his time in the cruel amusement (!) of shooting harmless birds, and encourages the cruel and vicious amusement (!) of hunting and racing.*—"What is sport to you, is pain and death to us."—No rational man can respect Sportsmen.

"The people of Europe have new matters of history to gather from the events of the last two years. Facts are imperishable memorials, and the recorded facts are consoling and encouraging to the people, and for the people alone. Paris, Vienna, Berlin, Frankfort, Milan, Venice, Florence, Rome, Palermo, have been for weeks, and, in some cases, for months, in the hands of the people. On no one of these occasions has private property been violated; no public buildings were destroyed; no plundering of any description disgraced the popular victories. What was the conduct of the so-called friends of order? Have they not recklessly and fearfully doomed the treasuries of art, the abodes of the citizens, to destruction, not even sparing churches and hospitals? Witness Dresden, Vienna, Milan, Pest, Palermo, Catania, and Rome. Why swell the list with places of minor note? The contrast is indelibly imprinted on the memory of the men of our times. The cry of order is become a scoff, and credit in the hands of continental statesmen is a rod of terror. Can we doubt on which side is the moral victory?"—*Jerrold's Weekly News*, 156. 1849.

No honest legislature ought to refuse to grant the six points of the Charter,—viz. 1st, UNIVERSAL SUFFRAGE.—2d, NO PROPERTY QUALIFICATIONS FOR MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT.—3d, EQUAL ELECTORAL DISTRICTS.—4th, VOTE BY BALLOT.—5th, ANNUAL PARLIAMENT.—6th, PAYMENT OF MEMBERS OF PARLIAMENT, and what honest man need dread such reforms; they are but just, and I am sure both moderate and rational.

Friends, and Fellow-countrymen, I tell you these facts from no interested motives; your welfare alone prompts me to write. Money I cannot make by advocating human happiness, and honours, so called, I despise. No rational man could study the New Testament without perceiving that its doctrines are clearly *democratic*; and that every sincere believer, must be at the same time a *Demoer*at. The doctrine of Christ is emphatically FRATERNITY, EQUALITY, LIBERTY.

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"War is the statesman's game, the priest's delight,  
The lawyer's jest, the hired assassin's trade,  
And, to those royal murderers whose mean thrones  
Are bought by crimes of treachery and gore,  
The bread they eat, the staff on which they lean."

SHELLY.